

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A three-lens-element taking lens system for forming an image on a solid-state image sensor, comprising, from an object side, a first lens element having a positive optical power, an aperture stop, a second lens element having a positive optical power, and a third lens element having a negative optical power and having a concave surface pointing to an image side,

wherein, of the first and second lens elements, one is a glass lens element and the other is a plastic lens element, ~~and~~

wherein the third lens element is a plastic lens element, and

wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$\underline{0.3 < f / fG < 2.6}$$

where f represents a focal length of the taking lens system as a whole; and

fG represents a focal length of the glass lens element having a positive optical power.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A three-lens-element taking lens system ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ for forming an image on a solid-state image sensor, comprising, from an object side, a first lens element having a positive optical power, an aperture stop, a second lens element

having a positive optical power, and a third lens element having a negative optical power and having a concave surface pointing to an image side,

wherein, of the first and second lens elements, one is a glass lens element and the other is a plastic lens element,

wherein the third lens element is a plastic lens element, and

wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$0.05 < TG / fG < 1.35$$

where TG represents an axial thickness of the glass lens element having a positive optical power; and

fG represents a focal length of the glass lens element having a positive optical power.

4. (Currently Amended) A three-lens-element taking lens system ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ for forming an image on a solid-state image sensor, comprising, from an object side, a first lens element having a positive optical power, an aperture stop, a second lens element having a positive optical power, and a third lens element having a negative optical power and having a concave surface pointing to an image side,

wherein, of the first and second lens elements, one is a glass lens element and the other is a plastic lens element,

wherein the third lens element is a plastic lens element, and

wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$| f3 | / fP < 2.6$$

where f3 represents a focal length of the third lens element; and

fP represents a focal length of the plastic lens element having a positive optical power.

5. (Currently Amended) A three-lens-element taking lens system ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ for forming an image on a solid-state image sensor, comprising, from an object side, a first lens element having a positive optical power, an aperture stop, a second lens element having a positive optical power, and a third lens element having a negative optical power and having a concave surface pointing to an image side,

wherein, of the first and second lens elements, one is a glass lens element and the other is a plastic lens element,

wherein the third lens element is a plastic lens element, and

wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$0.05 < T3 / f < 0.5$$

where T3 represents an axial thickness of the third lens element; and

f represents a focal length of the taking lens system as a whole.

6. (Currently Amended) A three-lens-element taking lens system ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ for forming an image on a solid-state image sensor, comprising, from an object side, a first lens element having a positive optical power, an aperture stop, a second lens element having a positive optical power, and a third lens element having a negative optical power and having a concave surface pointing to an image side,

wherein, of the first and second lens elements, one is a glass lens element and the other is a plastic lens element,

wherein the third lens element is a plastic lens element, and

wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$VG > 58$$

where VG represents an Abbe number of the glass lens element having a positive optical power.

7. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first to third lens elements each include at least one aspherical surface.

8. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first to third lens elements are each formed of a uniform material.

9. (Original) A three-lens-element taking lens system for forming an image on a solid-state image sensor, comprising, from an object side, a first lens element having a positive optical power, an aperture stop, a second lens element having a positive optical power, and a third lens element having a negative optical power,

wherein, of the first and second lens elements, one is a glass meniscus lens element and the other is a plastic meniscus lens element, and

wherein the third lens element is a plastic meniscus lens element having a concave surface pointing to an image side or a plastic biconcave lens element.

10. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$0.3 < f / f_G < 2.6$$

where f represents a focal length of the taking lens system as a whole; and

f_G represents a focal length of the glass lens element having a positive optical power.

11. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$0.05 < TG / fG < 1.35$$

where TG represents an axial thickness of the glass lens element having a positive optical power; and

fG represents a focal length of the glass lens element having a positive optical power.

12. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$| f3 | / fP < 2.6$$

where f3 represents a focal length of the third lens element; and

fP represents a focal length of the plastic lens element having a positive optical power.

13. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$0.05 < T3 / f < 0.5$$

where T3 represents an axial thickness of the third lens element; and

f represents a focal length of the taking lens system as a whole.

14. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the following condition is fulfilled:

$$VG > 58$$

where VG represents an Abbe number of the glass lens element having a positive optical power.

15. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first to third lens elements each include at least one aspherical surface.

16. (Original) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first to third lens elements are each formed of a uniform material.

17. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first to third lens elements each include at least one aspherical surface.

18. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first to third lens elements are each formed of a uniform material.

19. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first to third lens elements each include at least one aspherical surface.

20. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first to third lens elements are each formed of a uniform material.

21. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first to third lens elements each include at least one aspherical surface.

22. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first to third lens elements are each formed of a uniform material.

23. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first to third lens elements each include at least one aspherical surface.

24. (New) A taking lens system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first to third lens elements are each formed of a uniform material.